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SUBJECT: CIEC -- PROBST CALL ON GREENWALD

1. SWISS AMBASSADOR PROBST CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GREENWALD AUGUST 9 AND LEFT COPY OF GOS REPLY TRANSMITTED
AUGUST 6 TO MACEACHEN. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT "MONSIEUR LE SECRETAIRE D'ETAT: J'AI BIEN
RECU LA LETTRE DU 27 JUILLET 1976 QUE VOUS AVEZ ADRESSEE A
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MON COLLEAGUE, LE CONSEILLER FEDERAL P. GRABER, CHEF DU

DEPARTEMENT POLITIQUE FEDERAL, ACTUELLEMENT ABSENT. JE VOUS EN REMERCIE.

"JE TIENS A VOUS FAIRE SAVOIR COMBIEN LA SUISSE APPRECIE LES EFFORTS AUXQUELS VOUS CONSENTEZ EN VOTRE QUALITE DE CO-PRESIDENT, AFIN QUE LA CONFERENCE SUR LA COOPERATION ECONOMIQUE INTERNATIONALE ABOUTISSE A DES RESULTATS SUBSTANTIELS ET EQUILIBRES- JE PARTAGE LA DECEPTION QUE VOUS AVEZ EXPRIMEE AU SUJET DES TRAVAUX DE LA SESSION DE JUILLET DES COMMISSIONS DE LA CONFERENCE, CAR NOUS AUSSI ATTACHONS LE PLUS GRAND PRIX AU SUCCES DE CETTE ENTREPRISE.

"LES TRAVAUX ACCOMPLIS JUSQU'ICI PAR LA CCEI ONT MONTRE A NOTRE AVIS QUE CETTE CONFERENCE POUVAIT JOUER LE ROLE QUI LUI A ETE ASSIGNE. COMME VOUS, NOUS CONSIDERONS DONC QU' AUCUN EFFORT NE DEVRAIT ETRE EPARGNE EN VUE DE LA SORTIR DE L'IMPASSE, EN CHERCHANT A PARVENIR A UNE REDACTION ACCEPTABLE DU PROGRAMME DE TRAVAIL, NOTAMMENT EN CE QUI CONCERNE L'ENDETTEMENT DES PAYS EN DEVELOPPEMENT, ET A CONSOLIDER AUTANT QUE POSSIBLE LES ZONES D'ACCORD ET DE COOPERATION QUI SONT DEJA APPARUES. CELA DET, IL EST EVIDENT QUE NOUS NE POUVONS ETRE AMENES, SOUS LA PRESSION D'ECHEANCES EXTERIEURES, A PRENDRE DES ENGAGEMENTS SUR DES QUESTIONS DE FOND AUSSI LONGTEMPS QUE LA MARCHÉ DES TRAVAUX DANS LES COMMISSIONS N'AURA PAS PERMIS D'APPRECIER PLEINEMENT LEUR PORTEE ET QUE LES REGLEMENTS AUXQUELS TOUS LES PARTICIPANTS DEVRAIENT PRETER LEUR CONCOURS NE POURRONT PAS ETRE EVALUES DANS LEUR ENSEMBLE. DANS CE MEME ORDER D'IDEE, IL NOUS PARAIT URGENT QUE LES PAYS INDUSTRIALISES REDOUBLENT LEURS EFFORTS EN VUE DE PARVENIR A UNE CONCEPTION D'ENSEMBLE ET A RENFORCER LEUR COORDINATION. LA SUISSE SERAIT PRETE A VOUS APPUYER DANS TOUTES LES INITIATIVES QUE VOUS POURRIEZ PRENDRE A CETTE FIN.

END TEXT. SIGNED E. BRUGGER, CONSEILLER FEDERAL, CHEF DU DEPARTEMENT FEDERAL DE L'ECONOMIE PUBLIQUE.

3. GREENWALD CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF US VIEWS CONTAINED IN SECRETARY'S LETTER TO MACEACHEN OF JULY 30 AND NOTED THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN USG AND GOS POSITIONS ALTHOUGH USG LETTER IS MORE DETAILED. PROBST

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OBSERVED THAT THE EC POSITION ALSO SEEMS TO BE ALONG THE SAME LINES AS FAR AS HE KNEW ALTHOUGH PERHAPS A BIT SOFTER ON DEBT RELIEF.

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4. PROBST SAID GOS BELIEVES ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO FIND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE FOR THE WORK PROGRAM. GOS WOULD ALSO BE WILLING IF NECESSARY TO PUT DISPUTED LANGUAGE IN BRACKETS. GOS HAS DECIDED, HOWEVER, THAT

THIRD ALTERNATIVE OF A HIGH LEVEL MEETING WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

5. GREENWALD INFORMED PROBST THAT MACEACHEN AND PEREZ-GUERRERO MET IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK AND THAT MACEACHEN HAS SENT LETTER TO PEREZ-GUERRERO PROPOSING A FORMULATION FOR THE WORK PROGRAM. PEREZ-GUERRERO WILL BE AT COLOMBO MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED AND MACEACHEN WILL BE TRAVELLING IN ASIA, SO IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THE TWO WILL BE ABLE TO MEET AGAIN UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE COMMISSIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

6. PROBST NOTED THAT GOS WOULD BE AT COLOMBO AS NON-ALIGNED OBSERVER AND SAID GOS WOULD BE PLEASED TO PASS ON ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE MEETING. GREENWALD SAID USG WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ALONG THESE LINES.

7. PROBST SAID HE HOPED JOLLES-ROGERS MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED IN BERN AUGUST 16, 17 OR 18 PER SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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